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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD'S APRIL 26 SPEECH

REF: PANAMA 2918

1. IN HIS FIRST FORMAL, PUBLIC SPEECH AS FOREIGN MINISTER, AQUILINO BOYD ON APRIL 26 OPENED THE SECOND CENTRAL AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON SOCIOLOGY. ON THE CANAL ISSUE BOYD ADVOCATED A SPEED-UP IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, AND LINKED PANAMA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THEIR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION. (SEE REFTTEL FOR TEXT OF TWO PARAGRAPHS DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH TREATY NEGOTIATIONS.)

2. THE ADDRESS WAS PRINTED IN FULL IN THE APRIL 27 EDITION OF "LA ESTRELLA", LARGELY, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST OCCASION BOYD HAS SPOKEN ON BEHALF OF THE GOP AS FOREIGN MINISTER. POINTS RAISED IN IT, OTHER THAN THE CANAL ISSUE, WERE AS FOLLOWS.

3. FOREIGN POLICY. BOYD DISCUSSED INCREASING WORLD-WIDE INTERDEPENDENCE, ITS CONCOMITANT EFFECTS ON IN-

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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE IMPACT AND IMMEDIACY

FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS, FORMERLY THE PRESERVE OF EXPERTS, NOW EXERT ON DOMESTIC POLICY. HE DEVOTED VERY KIND WORDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ARENA. HE NOTED THAT PANAMA HAS GARNERED INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY FROM THE THIRD WORLD, FOR ITS INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY; ONE WHICH, LIKE THOSE OF OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, RECOGNIZES THAT THE ELIMINATION OF POVERTY AND THE ERADICATION OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE IS THE "INDISPENSABLE REQUISITE FOR GUARANTEEING WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY".

4. BOYD RESTATED PANAMA'S DETERMINATION, AS A NON-ALIGNED NATION, TO JOIN THE STRUGGLE TO ERADICATE THE LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND RACISM. (COMMENT: HE DID NOT MENTION THE CANAL ZONE, NOR DID HE REFER TO ANY SPECIFIC REGION OR COUNTRY, IN THIS CONTEXT. END COMMENT.)

5. ECONOMICS AND TRADE. HE CHARACTERIZED THE CREATION OF SELA (LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM) AS IMPORTANT AND LISTED ITS ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES. FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO UNITED STATES MARKETS IS AN URGENT ECONOMIC MATTER FOR LATIN COUNTRIES, HE STATED, WHAT WITH THE CURRENT U.S. TARIFF BARRIERS, CUSTOMS CONTROLS, HEALTH REGULATIONS AND OTHER EXCLUSIONARY MEASURES THE UNITED STATES IMPOSES.

6. PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER "CRITICA" OF APRIL 28 PRAISED THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE "LOGICAL VISION" OF HIS ADDRESS, LAUDING HIS "INTEGRAL VISITON OF THE CHANGES THAT CONDITION THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ORDER". ON THE CANAL ISSUE, BOYD'S REMARKS WERE APPLAUDED FOR THE "INTEGRITY, DIGNITY AND PATRIOTISM" WITH WHICH HE APPROACHED THE "BURNING" ISSUE.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONSIDERS BOYD'S ADDRESS OF INTEREST BECAUSE IT IS HIS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY AS MINISTER. IN ADDITION, HIS SPEECH INDICATES THAT, AT PRESENT, NO MAJOR CHANGES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PANAMA'S FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OR PRIORITIES ARE CONTEMPLATED.

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